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My dear Sir:-

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[Redacted] I am sending you a little brochure on the
International Federation of Business and Professional Women.

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[Redacted] The brochure was published in 1948, hence
it is a little out-dated. But I believe it will give you an idea
of the organization and its scope.

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The International organization was the out-growth of the
National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.
of the United States. The National organization has its headquarters
at 1819 Broadway, New York City and the International organization
has an office at Room 236, Biltmore Hotel, New York. This is a small
branch office since Dame Caroline Hasslet of England became Inter-
national president last August. The main office is now at 35
Grosvenor Place, London S.W.I., England.

The membership has increased considerably since 1948 when
this brochure was published.

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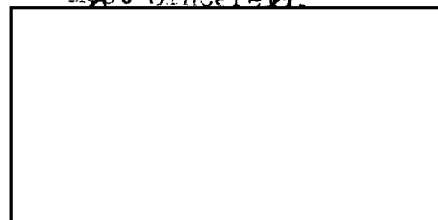
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There were women from twenty countries assembled in London last
August. It is my opinion that few women in the United States...

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Most Sincerely,

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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

MEMBERSHIP

The International Federation is the largest organization of business and professional women in the world. Over 250,000 members are affiliated through national federations in fifteen countries. In addition, clubs in three countries in which no national federation as yet exists, are affiliated as Associate Members.

AFFILIATED COUNTRIES

AUSTRALIA	HOLLAND
AUSTRIA	ITALY
BELGIUM	NEW ZEALAND
CANADA	NORWAY
CUBA	POLAND
DENMARK	SOUTH AFRICA
FINLAND	SOUTHERN RHODESIA
FRANCE	SWEDEN
GREAT BRITAIN	UNITED STATES

The International Federation invites any business or professional woman who is interested in its purposes and program and who resides in a country where no branch is as yet established to write International Federation Headquarters for information concerning the organization of a group.

Headquarters: Biltmore Hotel, New York 17,
N.Y., U.S.A.

able Address: PROFED, New York.

OBJECTS

The objects of the International Federation are:

To promote the interests of business and professional women and to secure combined action by them.

To work for high business and professional standards of service.

To promote friendly relations and understanding among the business and professional women of all countries.

To make available, and ensure the use of, the specialized knowledge and economic and technical skills of business and professional women in the promotion and support of the programs and activities of the United Nations and other world governmental organizations.

WHAT IT IS DOING

The Paris Congress adopted the broad, underlying program printed on page two. This program is being carried forward through the work of certain of the International Federation's Standing Committees, such as: United Nations; Fine Arts; Legislation; Membership; Employment Exchange (international exchange of members for the benefits of practical work experience).

The International Federation is a recognized spokesman for business and professional women at the United Nations and has Consultative Status (category B) to the Economic and Social Council. Members of the International Federation give especial attention to the activities of the U.N., particularly to the Commissions on Human Rights and the Status of Women. They have in every member country supported the U.N. Appeal for Children and other relief measures. The International Federation publishes an annual brochure on U.N. progress in matters most closely related to the program, and supplies its national branches regularly with U.N. documentation and other pertinent material. It keeps closely in touch with the ILO on matters of the International Federation's specific concern.

The International Federation has from its inception endeavored to increase international understanding and good will among its members. Methods widely used between countries include: the exchange of lecturers, visits and correspondence among members. A few scholarships have been offered. An annual observance of its International Week mobilizes the International Federation's world-wide membership in the consideration of a selected subject, through public meetings, national and international broadcasts and extensive press coverage.

The International Federation was formed at Geneva, Switzerland, in August 1930, the outgrowth of Good Will Tours sponsored by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs of the United States. During the summers of 1928, '29 and '30, groups of its members visited European countries seeking to arouse interest in an international organization. In 1930 business and professional women from sixteen countries gathered in Geneva and formed the International Federation. Lena Manesin Phillips, U.S.A., who was President of the U. S. National Federation had organized and led the Good Will Tours, was elected the first International President. A year later European headquarters were opened in Geneva with Dorothy A. Heneker, Canada, as the first Executive Director.

Organizations had been sufficiently developed in Austria, Canada, France and Italy so that these countries, together with the United States, became the first member-countries of the International Federation. In the following years the organization achieved a sound, steady growth and by 1939 had developed federations or clubs in twenty-four countries.

The International Federation is non-partisan and non-sectarian. It encourages women to meet their responsibilities as citizens, and its program assists individual business or professional women in affiliated countries to do so more effectively through group study, discussion and action on local, national and international levels.

WHAT IT HAS DONE

The International Federation was primarily responsible for the first recognition of the specialized interests of business and professional women in international jurisprudence. It has consistently worked for woman's right to work, equal pay for equal work, opportunities for her advancement, the removal of discrimination against the employment of married or older women and other restrictions. It was formerly a corresponding member of the Advisory Committee on Social Questions for the League of Nations. It has exposed current fallacies relating to the woman worker, and made an extensive study of the effects of the first World War upon the gainful employment of women. The second World War interrupted its successful three-year campaign to place more qualified women in public office and in policy-making positions.

In addition to its bulletin "Widening Horizons," which is issued bi-monthly, the International Federation has published many surveys and study guides such as: "Blue Prints for the World of Tomorrow," and studies on post war planning, on atomic energy and on unemployment. Most national and many state and local branches publish their own magazines and bulletins.

On behalf of its arts members, international exhibitions have been held in Amsterdam, Brussels,

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Paris, Rome and Warsaw. Handicraft exhibitions and sales have been held in Amsterdam, Brussels, Bucharest, Geneva, New York, Paris, Prague, Vienna and Warsaw.

During war years many branches in occupied countries either were dissolved or moved underground to continue their work and to cooperate with resistance movements. Meanwhile, those in Australia, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, Sweden and the United States continued to expand. Members participated in the war effort, helped in the resettlement of member refugees, and when war ended, contributed generously to relief organizations. In addition many thousands of food and clothing packages, and thousands of current magazines have been sent by members to the members in war ravaged or formerly occupied countries.

In 1945, before VJ Day, the International Federation sent its representative to Europe in order that its members might be assisted and encouraged in planning their future programs. In 1946 the International Federation's first post-war board meeting was held in Brussels. In 1947, fifteen national federations sent more than three hundred delegates and observers to the International Federation's fourth Congress held at UNESCO House, Paris.

THE PROGRAM

The following general program has been adopted by all member federations. It will be adapted by them to their local and national situation:

Improve standards of training of members in their professions so as to ensure a sufficient number of women in higher positions:

Educate members for public office and assist them in their election or appointment to national or international service.

Secure opportunities for women in business and professional fields and enable them to make a constructive contribution to the professional world.

Promote exchange of information between members in various countries through the medium of correspondence, exchange of ideas, matter, travel and scholarships.

Influence public opinion through education and through representations to governments and international conventions which will strengthen the position of women.

When considered necessary by a national organization, the International Federation's support may be given to any action taken in any member country or organization for the promotion of the interests of business and professional women.